

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 12 were pending in the application at the time of examination. The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 2, 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by the Itoh et al. reference (US 2004/0170050). The Examiner allowed Claims 3 to 9 and 12.

Applicant has cancelled Claims 1, 2, 10 and 11, without prejudice. Consequently, Allowed Claims 3 to 9 and 12 remain in the Application.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1, 2, 10 AND 11

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 2, 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by the Itoh et al. reference (US 2004/0170050).

Applicant has cancelled Claims 1, 2, 10 and 11, without prejudice. Consequently, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Claims 1, 2, 10 and 11 is now moot.

ALLOWED CLAIMS 3 TO 9 AND 12

The Examiner allowed Claims 3 to 9 and 12. Applicant has not changed Claims 3 to 9 and 12 since these claims were allowed. Consequently, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of Claims 3 to 9 and 12.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner has any

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questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant.

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